(d) As stated in reply to part (a) of the Question, in view of the limited availability of levy cement, the requirements of State Governmnets for levy cement are not obtained on a regular basis. The allocation to the States is made on a quarterly basis after estimating cement production and taking into account the availability of levy cement in each quarter. In quarter I/88 (Jan-March, 1988) Gujarat State was allocated a quantity of 87,200 M.T.

Hike in the Drug prices

3465. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Economic Times of 15th Mrach 1988 under the heading "Drug prices may go up by 15 per cent";

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the prices of empicillin, Amoxycillin, Gentamycin, Erythromycin, Chloremphenicol, Cephalexin, and other Antibiotics are already very high;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the prices of Vitamin preparations will go up tremendously due to increase of MAPE from 60 per cent to 100 per cent on combination of vitamins, price decontrol of bulk vitamins as well as single ingredient branded vitamins finished medicines and due to withdrawal of exemption of excise duty; and

(d) what are the names of finished antibiotics and vitamin preparations whose prices have gone up after the announcement of DPCO 1987 and how much further increase is expected due to withdrawal of exemption of excise duty?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The prices of drugs referred to in the question are regulated as per provisions of DPCO, 1987.

(c) The prices of combinations containing vitamin(s) are also regulated as per provisions of DPCO, 1987. The producers of non-scheduled single ingredient vitamin preparations are free to revise the prices of their products as per provisions of DPCO 1987.

(d) The overall impact of the new excise duty structure is yet to be assessed;

Sales turn-over of Saridon, etc.

3466. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) what was the sales turn-over and share in the market of Saridon, Equagesic, Esgipyrine, Vovern taken into consideration by the Kelkar Committee;

(b) whether Government have verified the sales turn-over and market share of each as per DRG; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Sales turn-over of formulations is not monitored.

Inclusion of vaccines under Category I

3467. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kelkar Committee and Government have received a number of representations for inclusion of vaccines to combat Diptheria, Tetanus and Triple Antigen under Category I of price control;

(b) if so, what is the number of such representations received and